

**NUBC**

**National Uniform Billing Committee**

**NUBC Update**

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# Role of NUBC

- **Responsible for data content of UB form**
- **Code Sets Maintained for the UB-92**
  - **Patient Status Codes**
  - **Source of Admission Codes**
  - **Revenue Codes**
  - **Condition Codes**
  - **Value Codes**
  - **Bill Type Code**

# Recent NUBC Activities

- **Identify, review, and transition state codes to national UB codes**
  - **SUBCs charged with code maintenance for all payers in each state**
- **With HIPAA requirements for standard codes, the NMEH has become involved**

# NUBC Approach

- **Survey SUBC's & NMEH about “state use” codes**
- **NUBC consolidated all submissions into one list for NUBC consideration**
- **Major needs of states that became apparent**
  - **abortion/sterilization codes**
  - **override of TPL cost avoidance edits**

# Abortion Codes – State to National

## **Proposal for New Condition Codes**

- 1. Rape**
- 2. Incest**
- 3. Serious fetal genetic defect or serious deformity/abnormality**
- 4. Life endangering physical condition of the mother caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself**
- 5. Physical Health of Mother that is not life threatening**
- 6. Emotional/psychological health of the mother**
- 7. Social or economic condition**
- 8. Elective**

# Medicaid TPL/Medicare Cost Avoidance

## **Proposal for New Condition Codes:**

- **Medicare was billed, but the service was not covered**
- **Medicare was billed, but no payment was made because the deductible was not met**
- **Medicare was billed, but the beneficiary was not covered (benefits exhausted, no longer covered, etc.**
- **Insurance was billed, but the service was not covered**
- **Insurance was billed, but no payment was made because the deductible was not met;**
- **Medicare was billed, but the service was not covered**

# Documentation Requirements for New Coding Requests

- **Describe "action" you are requesting and proposed effective date.**
- **Include brief, non-technical description of the service or issue.**
- **Provide reason for the proposed change.**
- **Explain what change is intended to accomplish**
- **Demonstrate that you are raising a national issue**
- **Describe why existing UB-92 codes or alternative approaches are insufficient.**
- **Indicate impact on providers**
- **Provide documentation to reinforce the national need for the proposed change.**

**Send to your state SUBC, or NMEH if no SUBC is active**

# NUBC Change Management Methodology

- **Proposal Under Development -**
- **NUBC Review Monthly**
  - quarterly on-site meetings
  - conference calls on other months
- **Submittal target = 45 days prior to scheduled meeting**
- **Accepted Changes Communicated Quarterly**
- **Implementation semiannually**
  - April & October



- [www.nubc.org](http://www.nubc.org)
- **Membership listed**
  - **Two Medicaid Voting members**
- **Meeting places**
- **Meeting agendas**
- **Other materials**

# NUBC Materials

- **UB-92 Data Specifications Manual**
  - **\$75.00 for hard copy**
  - **\$50.00 for annual subscription**
    - **Agenda material**
    - **Update pages to the manual**
    - **On-line access to manual**
- **New - Electronic Version containing range of UB-92 Codes & Description:**
  - **Patient Status Codes**
  - **Source of Admission Codes**
  - **Revenue Codes**
  - **Condition Codes**
  - **Value Codes**
  - **Bill Type Code**

Thank you!!!

**Questions??**

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